

Proposed Bill No. 5754

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of
- 2 Mental Health and Addiction Services, in conjunction with the
- 3 Department of Veterans' Affairs, to increase state resources to better
- 4 identify through screening programs the mental health needs of
- 5 Connecticut's veterans and active members of the armed forces, and to
- 6 provide increased assistance where needed.

Statement of Purpose:

To assist Connecticut's veterans and active members of the armed forces by creating a safety net of services to help their transition from the military to civilian life.